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**THE RETURN OF
SHERLOCK HOLMES.**
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IV.—The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist.

FROM the years 1884 to 1901 inclusive Mr. Sherlock Holmes was a very busy man. It is safe to say that there was no public case of any difficulty in which he was not consulted during those eight years, and there were hundreds of private cases, some of them of the most intricate and extraordinary character, in which he played a prominent part. Many startling successes and a few unavoidable failures were the outcome of this long period of continuous work. As I have preserved very full notes of all these cases, and was myself personally engaged in many of them, it may be imagined that it is no easy task to know which I should select to lay before the public. I shall, however, preserve my former rule, and give the preference to those cases which derive their interest not so much from the locality of the crime as from the ingenuity and dramatic quality of the solution. For this reason I will now lay before the reader the facts connected with Miss Violet Smith, the solitary cyclist of Charlington, and the curious sequel of our investigation, which culminated in unexpected tragedy. It is true that the circumstances did not admit of any striking illustration of those powers for which my friend was famous, but there were some points about the case which made it stand out in those long records of crime from which I gather the material for these little narratives.

On referring to my note-book for the year 1895 I find that it was upon Saturday, the 23rd of April, that we first heard of Miss Violet Smith. Her visit was, I remember, extremely unwelcome to Holmes, for he was immersed at the moment in a very abstruse

and complicated problem concerning the peculiar persecution to which John Vincent Hardin, the well-known tobacco millionaire, had been subjected. My friend, who loved above all things precision and concentration of thought, resented anything which distracted his attention from the matter in hand. And yet without a harshness which was foreign to his nature it was impossible to refuse to listen to the story of the young and beautiful woman, tall, graceful, and quietly, who presented herself at Baker Street late in the evening and implored his assistance and advice. It was vain to urge that his time was already fully occupied, for the young lady had come with the determination to tell her story, and it was evident that nothing short of force could get her out of the room until she had done so. With a resigned air and a somewhat weary smile, Holmes begged the beautiful intruder to take a seat and to inform us what it was that was troubling her.

"At least it cannot be your health," said he, as his keen eyes darted over her; "so ardent a bicyclist must be full of energy."

She glanced down in surprise at her own feet, and I observed the slight roughening of the side of the sole caused by the friction of the edge of the pedal.

"Yes, I bicycle a good deal, Mr. Holmes, and that has something to do with my visit to you to-day."

My friend took the lady's unglazed hand and examined it with as close an attention and as little sentiment as a scientist would show to a specimen.

"You will excuse me, I am sure. It is my business," said he as he dropped it. "I nearly fell into the error of supposing that you were *eyewatching*." Of course, it is

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SHERLOCK HOLMES CANON PUZZLES

**Word Search, Criss Cross & Crossword Puzzle
DEVELOPED BY STEVE MASON**

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist, Part 1

**These Puzzles include specific terms related to the story.
All words and terms come directly out of the Canon.**

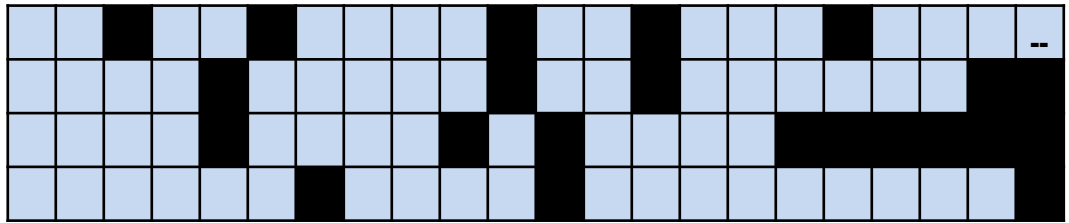
**Thanks to Bill Dorn for his gracious allowance of
vocabulary words from Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes,
vols. 1 and 2**

- ABSTRUSE
- AGENT
- ALLY
- AUSTERE
- BAR
- BLEAT
- BRUTE
- CANTERING
- CLERGYMAN
- CORDS
- CUSTODY
- DEIGNING
- DISFIGURED
- DRABS
- END
- FANCY
- FURTIVE
- GIVEN
- GOVERNESS
- GROOM
- HAUGHTILY
- HERALDIC
- IGNOMINIOUS
- INTRICATE
- JOVIAL
- LAUREL
- MAID
- MOLEST
- ODIOUS
- OSTLER
- PITH
- POSTSCRIPT
- PUBLICAN
- QUEENLY
- RESIGNED
- RUFFIAN
- SEQUEL
- SLATE
- SOLEMNIZE
- SWING
- TENANTS
- TRAP
- UNFROCKED
- VIGOROUS
- WELL

The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #1)

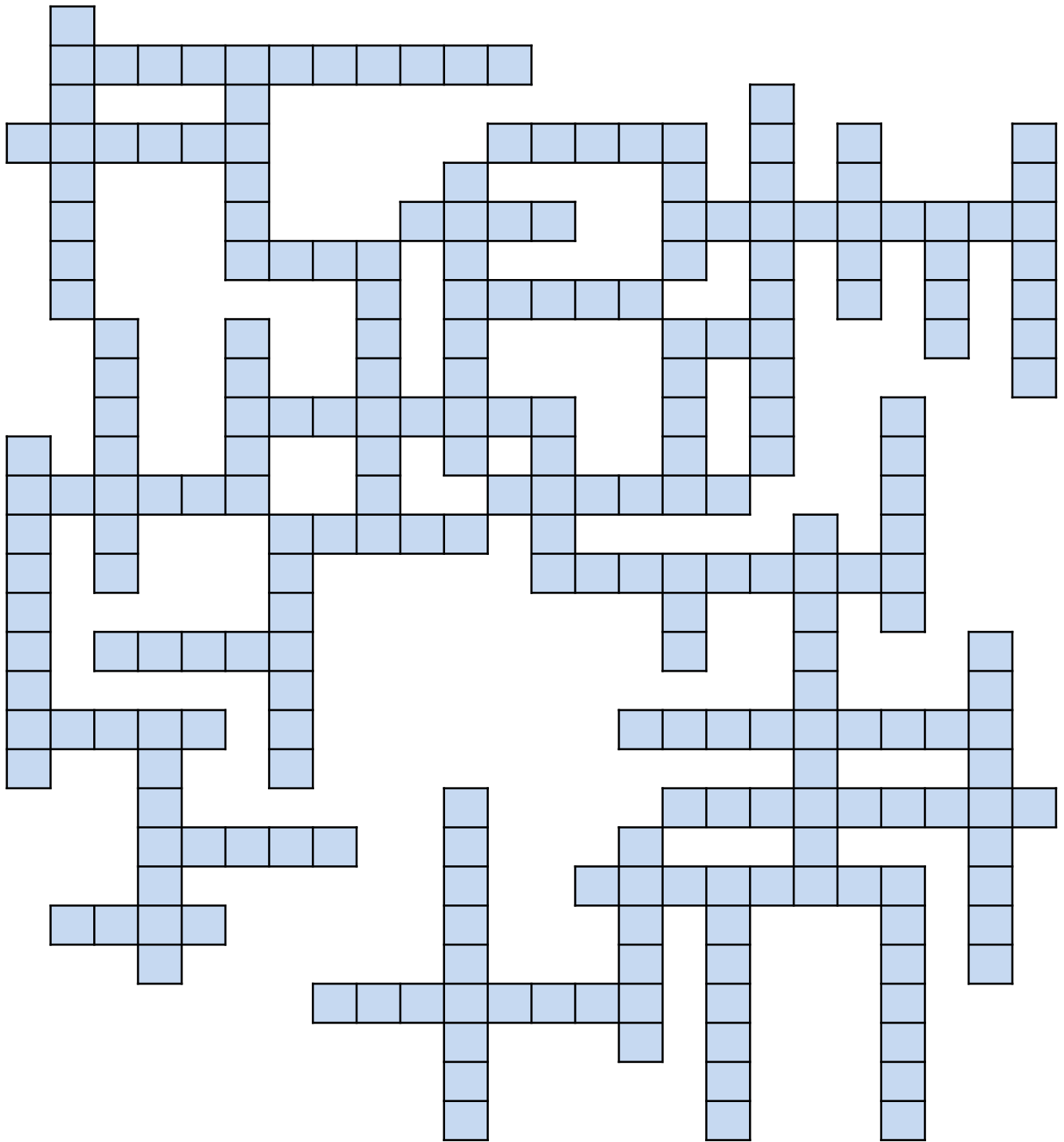
WORDCIRCLE: Find each of the listed words in the puzzle. Click on each letter found and circle it with a CAPITAL "O". You can tab between letters. Once all terms are found, the remaining un-circled letters should complete a quote from the story below.

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The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #2)

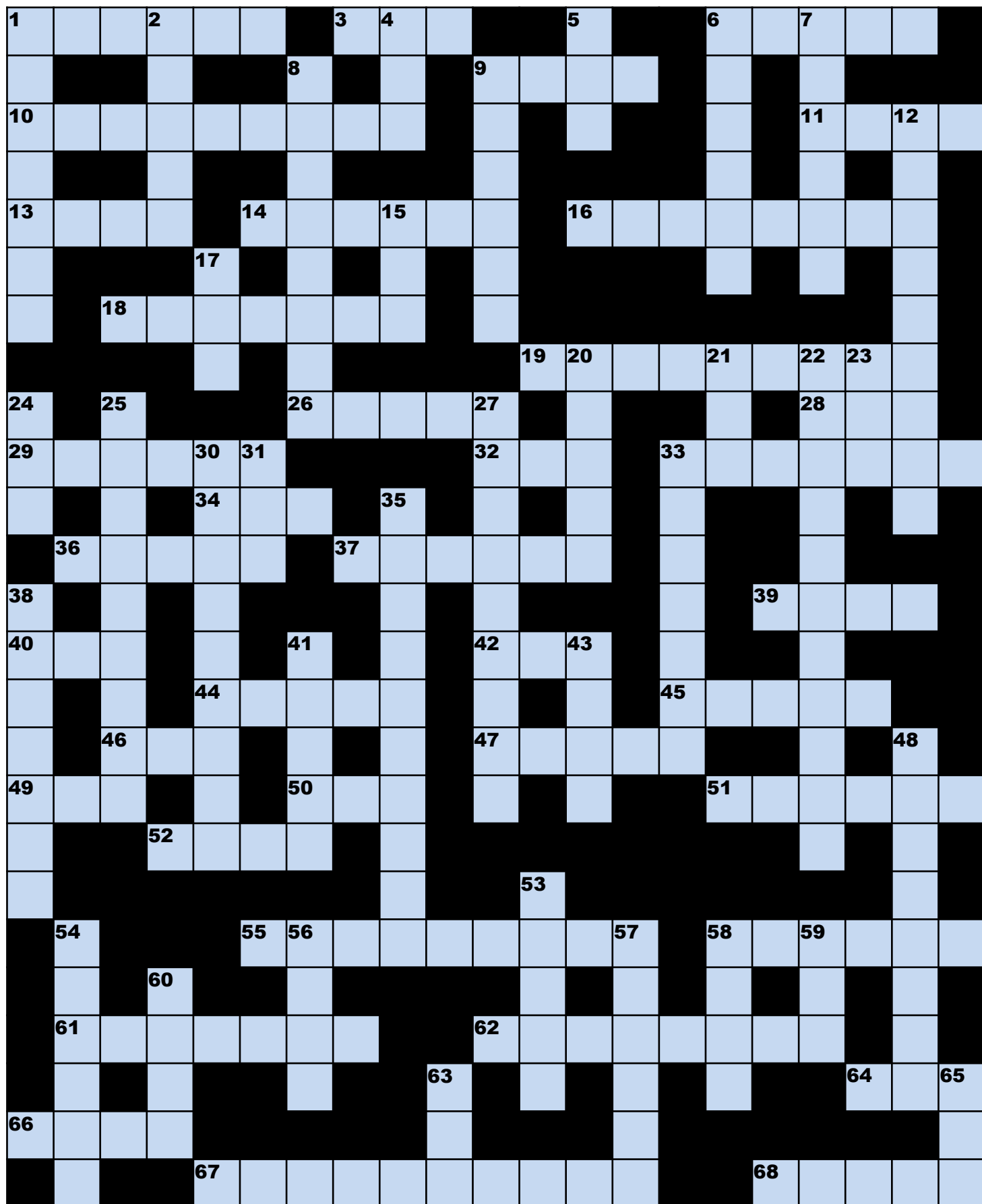
CRISS-CROSS: Fit each word into their proper place in the Framework.



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| END | AGENT | GIVEN | MOLEST | FURTIVE | DEIGNING | CANTERING | SOLEMNIZE |
| ALLY | BLEAT | GROOM | ODIOUS | QUEENLY | HERALDIC | CLERGYMAN | UNFROCKED |
| MAID | BRUTE | SLATE | OSTLER | RUFFIAN | PUBLICAN | GOVERNESS | DISFIGURED |
| PITH | CORDS | SWING | SEQUEL | TENANTS | RESIGNED | HAUGHTILY | POSTSCRIPT |
| TRAP | DRABS | JOVIAL | AUSTERE | ABSTRUSE | VIGOROUS | INTRICATE | IGNOMINIOUS |

The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #3)

CROSSWORD: Each clue is a term from the Canon. Highlighted clues on the next page are from this Story.



The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #3)

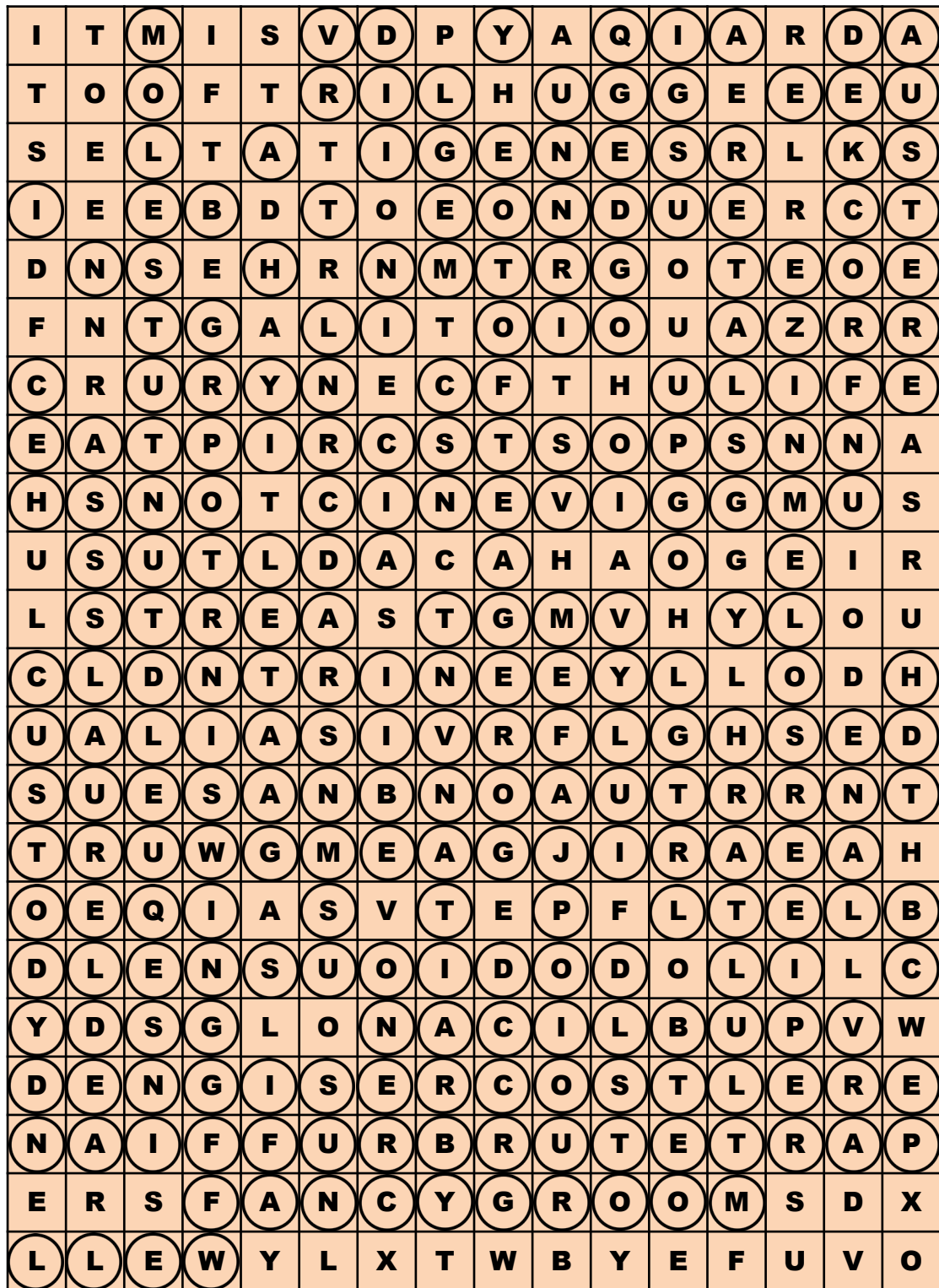
Across

1. Suitable for growing crops
3. By way of
6. Person who cares for horses
9. Possesses
10. Mark with a formal ceremony
11. Very small length
13. Way of egress
14. Cheerful and friendly
16. Difficult to understand
18. Protective care or guardianship of someone
19. Arrogantly superior
26. _____ for it; be hanged
28. Jewel
29. Open; honest
32. Raw metals; lode
33. Relating to the front part of the skull
34. Nothing
36. Savagely violent person
37. Pester or harass someone
39. Essence of something
40. Also; in addition
42. Fruit consisting of a hard or tough shell
44. Laces
45. Intensely deep or bright
46. Significant period in time
47. _____ - grays
49. Slight movement of the head up and down
50. Handle - _____
51. Shrubs or plants with dark green glossy leaves
52. Money paid for professional services
55. Smooth gait slower than a gallop but faster than a trot
58. Loose, sleeveless cloak or shawl
61. Regal
62. Condescending, thinking appropriate to one's dignity
64. Take a position
66. Covering for the face
67. Spoil the attractiveness of
68. Thing that one supposes or imagines; whim

Down

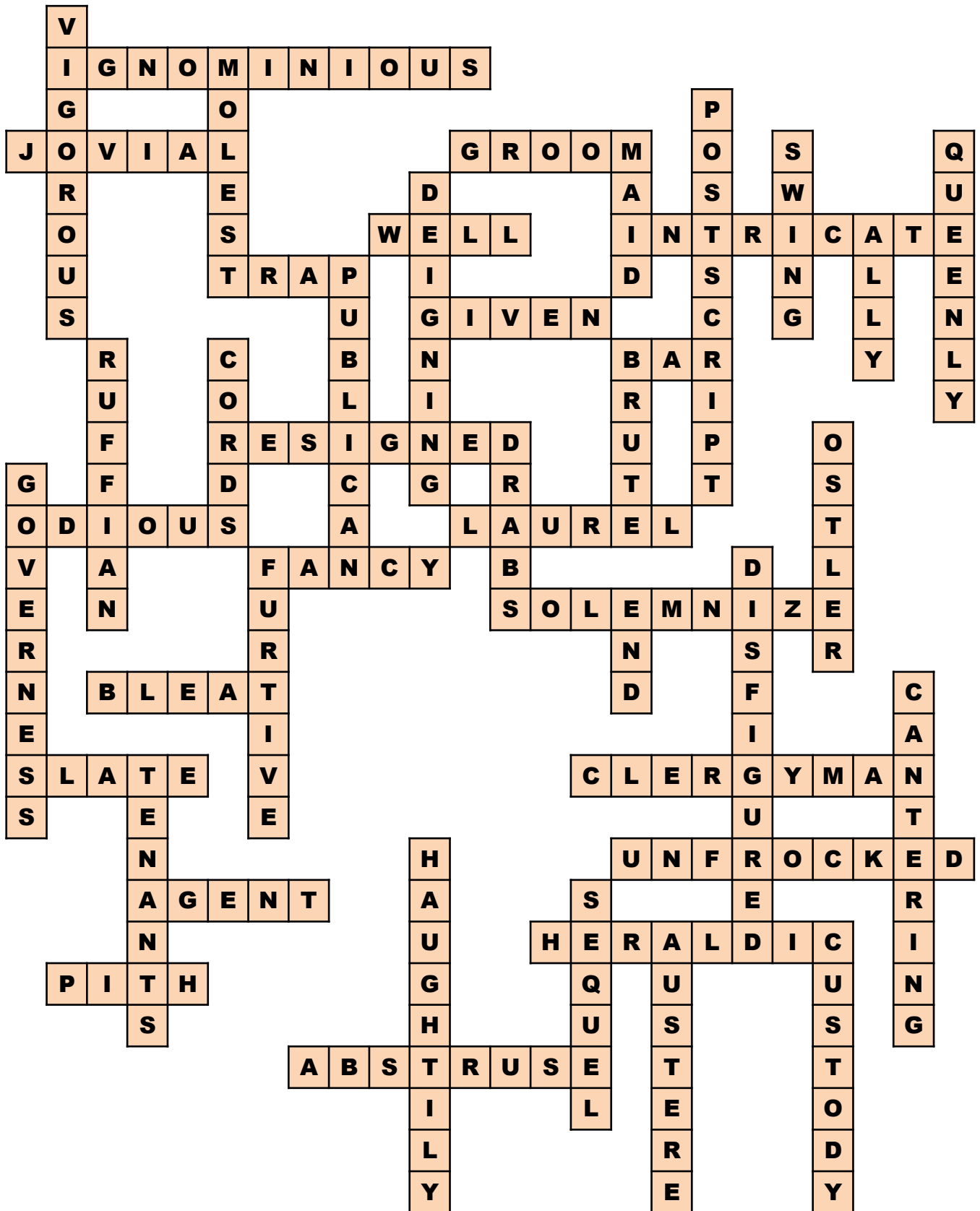
1. Severe or strict in manner or attitude
2. Whining; feeble complaint
4. Stolen jewelry
5. Week - _____; termination
6. Make, low guttural sounds
7. Arousing strong dislike or intense displeasure
8. Forceful
9. Someone employed to tend horses
12. Male priest or minister
15. Clinging, climbing vines
17. Inquire
20. House - _____
21. Referring to a female
22. Marked by shame or disgrace
23. Allow; rent
24. Very cold; frigid
25. Deprive a person in holy orders of ecclesiastical status
27. Woman employed to teach children in a private household
30. Very complicated or detailed
31. Expire; pass away
33. Shifty
35. Additional remark at the end of a letter
38. Renters of a residence
41. Lacking brightness
43. Light, two-wheeled carriage pulled by a horse or pony
48. Pertaining to coats of arms system
53. Provided
54. Something that takes place after or as a result of an earlier event
56. Good friend; comrade
57. Kept from talking by covering the mouth
58. Scullery - _____; dish washer
59. Annoy or irritate a person with persistent complaining
60. _____ - known
63. Old, dirty towel
65. Child plaything

The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #1)



IT IS PART OF THE SET --
 TLED ORDER OF NATURE
 THAT SUCH A GIRL
 SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWERS

The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #2)



The Solitary Cyclist (Puzzle #3)

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